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SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER

BULENT ECEVIT OF TURKEY

1. STATE DEPARTMENT SECURITY AGENTS AND NEW YORK CITY POLICE THWARTED AN ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF FORMER TURKISH PRIME MINISTER BULENT ECEVIT ON MONDAY EVENING, JULY 26, 1976. ECEVIT IN NEW YORK CITY HAD JUST FINISHED ADDRESSING FEDERATION OF TURKISH-AMERICAN SOCIETIES DINNER AT WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL.

2. UPON LEAVING EMPIRE ROOM OF WALDORF, ECEVIT STOPPED IN HOTEL LOBBY TO SPEAK TO SEVERAL DOZEN PERSONS WHO HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET INTO THE CROWDED DINING ROOM. AS HE WAS SPEAKING, STATE DEPARTMENT AGENT BERNARD JOHNSON SPOTTED A MAN APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN FEET AWAY WITH A GUN WHICH WAS POINTED AT THE EX-PRIME MINISTER. THE STATE DEPARTMENT AGENT AIDED BY NEW YORK CITY POLICE AND OTHER SY AGENTS SUBDUED THE INDIVIDUAL AND ARRESTED

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HIM.

3. THE WOULD-BE ASSASSIN HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS STAVROS SYKOPETRIDES, A GREEK CYPRIOT NATIONAL, 28 YEARS OF AGE, WHO LIVES AND WORKS IN NEW YORK CITY. SYKOPETRIDES WAS CHARGED UNDER ACT FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND IS BEING HELD WITHOUT BAIL. HE IS REPORTED TO BE SECRETARY OF UNION OF GREEKS AND CYPRIOTS OF US AND CANADA. HE IS PART-TIME STUDENT AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND IS EMPLOYED AS CASHIER AT PARK LANE HOTEL.
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